by the Detailed Project Report (DPR) consultants to be appointed by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for four-laning of Deoli-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH 12. However, a bypass to Kota town on NH 76 (which intersects NH 12) has been taken up by NHAI as part of East-West corridor. The alignment of Kota Bypass on NH-76 passes through "Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary" for which permission from Hon'ble Supreme Court is being obtained. After obtaining permission from the Hon'ble Supreme Court, final clearance from Ministry of Environment & Forest is also required.

Development of Bedi Port under NMDP

1758. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat/GMB has submitted proposal to take up development of Bedi Port under National Maritime Development Programme to DG shipping, Mumbai;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take-up the project under Central Assistance;

(c) if so, the status and the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Development of seven minor ports from Maritime States for promotion of coastal shipping has been included in the National Maritime Development Programme (NMDP). As only one port from each Maritime State was to be included, Magdalla port was included from Gujarat. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for development of such ports is yet to be approved. Further action will be taken after the CSS is finally approved.

Four laning of Rishikesh-Haridwar highway

†1759. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for widening and converting the main

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.